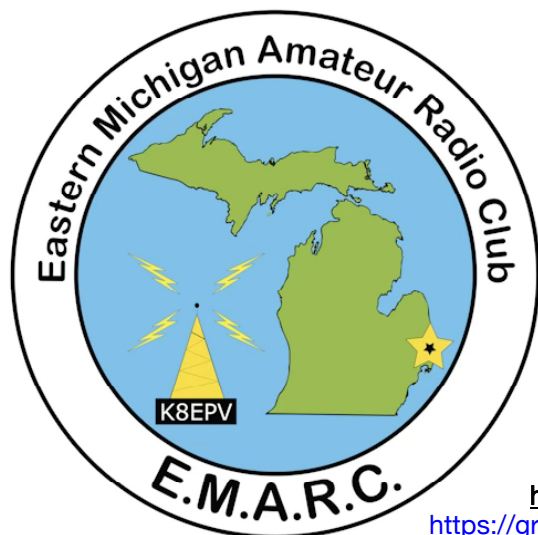


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SPARKS



EASTERN MICHIGAN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

K8EPV

<https://emarc.us>

<https://groups.google.com/g/emarc>

Coming Events

November 4th 7 PM, Monthly EMARC Meeting
November 11th 7 PM, ARPSC Information Net

Club Officers

President: John Cordone, W4XED
Vice-President: Riley Winters, KE8JNF
Treasurer: Chuck Houston, W8GWS
Secretary: Aaron Smith, WT8X
Past-President (Board): Tony Banner, KE8BIT
Member-at Large (Board): Joey Munoz, KF8ANF

Committees and Appointments

Club Founder: John Kresin, N8FNQ (SK)
Club Call Trustee, K8EPV: Anita Johnson, AD8GY
Sparks Editor: Aaron Smith / WT8X
ARRL DXCC Card Checker: Stan Arnett II, AC8W
ARRL VE Coordinator: Aaron Smith, WT8X

Friends of Marconi Lunch

The Friends of Marconi Luncheon is every Saturday at 11:30 AM. Please see James (NO8RF) to get on the mailing list for changes to times, locations, or cancellations.

November
 American Grill
 2900 Lapeer Rd
 Port Huron

October & December
 Ocean Breeze
 925 Gratiot Ave
 Marysville

Repeater Info

Avoca / K8DD: 147.300/+600khz 192.8 PL
Thumb and Mid-Michigan Traffic Net, 9:30pm local time, nightly, except on Sunday.
Sarnia / VE3SAR: 145.370/-600khz 123.0 PL
International Friendship Net, 8:30pm local time, Thursday evenings.
Sarnia / VE3WHO: 146.955/-600khz & 442.350/+5Mhz No PL - IRLP Linked See ve3sar.org for details!
Belle River / K8SCC: 147.320/+600khz 167.9 PL
St. Clair County ARPSC Informational Net, 7:00pm local time, 2nd Tuesday of every month.
Pt Huron Township / WO00: 146.720/-600khz 186.2 PL
Pt Huron Township / KE8JOT: 444.900/+5Mhz 131.8 PL
Sarnia DMR / VE3SAR: 444.625/+5Mhz CC 7
Richmond / K8FBI: 442.225/+5Mhz 123.0 PL
Linked repeater to the Flying Beers International repeater system.

K8EPV-1 Packet Node: 145.070

K8SCC-10 WinLink Server: 145.070

Any questions or issues with local repeaters, please contact the repeater team at repeaters@sccarpesc.org.

Volunteer Exam Sessions

Exam sessions are on a as needed basis. Please contact us to schedule and pre-pay for your exam session.



Bring picture ID, the original and a copy of your present license, and the original of any Certificate of Successful Completion (CSC) you may hold. You must provide a FRN number by registering with the FCC CORES system before exam day. The current test fee is \$15.

For further information, email Aaron Smith, WT8X, at aaron@wt8x.com.



Contest Corner

- Nov 1 - Nov 2**, YBDXPI FT8 Contest
- Nov 1 - Nov 3**, ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW
- Nov 2 - Nov 2**, High Speed Club CW Contest
- Nov 4 - Nov 4**, ARS Spartan Sprint
- Nov 8 - Nov 10**, PODXS 070 Club Triple Play Low Band Sprint
- Nov 8 - Nov 9**, WAE DX Contest, RTTY
- Nov 8 - Nov 9**, 10-10 Int. Fall Contest, Digital
- Nov 8 - Nov 9**, JIDX Phone Contest
- Nov 8 - Nov 9**, OK/OM DX Contest, CW
- Nov 8 - Nov 9**, SKCC Weekend Sprintathon
- Nov 8 - Nov 10**, CQ-WE Contest
- Nov 10 - Nov 10**, 4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint
- Nov 15 - Nov 15**, All Austrian 160-Meter Contest
- Nov 15 - Nov 15**, REF 160-Meter Contest
- Nov 15 - Nov 16**, South American Integration Contest CW
- Nov 15 - Nov 17**, ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB
- Nov 16 - Nov 16**, Homebrew and Oldtime Equipment Party
- Nov 16 - Nov 17**, Run for the Bacon QRP Contest
- Nov 20 - Nov 20**, NTC QSO Party
- Nov 22 - Nov 23**, LZ DX Contest

Nov 26 - Nov 26, SKCC Sprint

Nov 29 - Nov 30, CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW

* Contest info can be found here: <https://www.contestcalendar.com/perpetualcal.php>

DX Around the World

Nov 01 - Nov 06, Palau, T88HR, By JH1MLO fm Koror I (OC-009, PJ77fi); 75-6m; SSB

Nov 01 - Nov 22, Falkland Is, VP8THW, By DL7HW; 20 17 15 12 10m; SSB FT8; 10w

Nov 03 - Nov 07, Cyprus SBA, ZC4RH, By G4WXJ fm Dhekelia (KM64ux); 40-6m; CW SSB FT8 FT4; 50w; dipoles and EFHW; holiday style operation

Nov 03 - Nov 20, Chatham I, ZL7, By LZ1GC as ZL7/ LZ1GC fm IOTA OC-038 (AE16ug); 160-6m; CW SSB FT8 FT4

Nov 03 - Nov 27, Lesotho, 7P8EA, By HB9CCS fm Thaba Tseka (KG40hl); 15m; SSB (21.223 MHz) CW (21.050 MHz), perhaps 17 12 10m; 100w

Nov 15 - Nov 21, Tuvalu, T2JK, By JK1JXZ fm Funafuti; 80-6m; FT8

Nov 17 - Nov 23, St Kitts & Nevis, V47JA, By W5JON fm Calypso Bay; 160-6m; SSB FT8; yagi, verticals

Nov 20 - Nov 30, San Andres I, 5J0EA, By EA7BF EA7FPG EA7JW EA7ATX fm IOTA NA-003 (EK92dm); 160-10m; CW SSB + digital

Nov 20 - Dec 03, Bonaire, PJ4KV, By DL6KVA; HF; CW

Nov 20 - Dec 31, Namibia, V51WH, By DK2WH fm nr Omaruru; 160-6m, incl 60m; QRV for CQWW DX RTTY using V55Y; to continue until Mar 24, 2026

Nov 22 - Dec 05, Vanuatu, YJ0GC, By LZ1GC; 160-10m, incl 60m; CW SSB FT8 FT4

Nov 24 - Dec 04, Bermuda, VP9, By WE9G as VP9/WE9G fm Warwick; 160-6m; FT8

Nov 25 - Dec 03, Cambodia, XU7RRC, By Team XU7RRC fm Ta Kiev I (IOTA AS-133); 80-10m; CW SSB

Nov 25 - Dec 05, Bhutan, A52AA, By AB1F fm Thimpu (NL47ti); 40-10m, perhaps 160 80m; SSB; 100w; dates tentative

Nov 30 - Dec 12, St Martin, TO9W, By W9MR W9AP K9EL N9LQ K9KE; 160-10m; CW SSB FT8 FT4 FT8

For more info, see <https://www.ng3k.com/misc/adxo.html>



Meeting Minutes October 7th, 2025

The meeting was called to order by John, W4XED, at 7:05pm and seconded by Riley, KE8JNF.

Anita announced John's passing of his Extra exam, congrats John! She also announced that this was her last session as VE coordinator for the club. She has passed those duties onto Aaron, WT8X.

Treasurer's report: Chuck, W8GWS, reports there is \$750.08 in the account. He also mentioned that the amount of money in the account is not to be published in the Sparks, as per the by-laws. *(Note: After conferring with the by-laws and going back through past Sparks in former years, this is not accurate.)*

Secretaries report: The minutes were posted in the Sparks. The sections for contests and DX have been greatly enhanced due to some web scrapping that is being done to bring all of that together per month.

Old Business: Nominations are due! They are to be sent in private to Aaron, WT8X, any way that you wish to get them to me. They are due before the Sparks is published, which is usually the weekend before the next meeting.

New Business: There is a boy scouts event on October 18th - Arrows and Aerials. The flyer was published in the October Sparks. It should be a fun event.

The FOTA building was vandalized. The doors are now locked with a code and cannot be left unlocked at any time. There was a short discussion on finding a new place to meet with low costs and hopefully the same amenities (plus internet). For now, we will be meeting in the yellow building that is across the parking lot from the FOTA building.

ARPSC Report: Riley, KE8JNF, said the siren test went very well, we had 5 participants with all sirens passing.

The Fall SET (Simulated Emergency Training) had 4 people participating and went very well.

The Info net will be the 14th on the 146.720 repeater with a simplex net after. The member meeting will be the 28th at 7pm.

Announcements: An update on the repeaters was given. The Belle River repeater is having some noise issues that will be looked at as soon as we can get someone there to look at the situation.

Keith, KB1SF, announced that the Sarnia club is venturing into linked repeaters with the new 220 machine and 145.370. They are also looking for backup net control

operators for the International Friendship Net's that happen every Thursday evening.

John mentioned that the fox hunt had a great turnout and everyone had a great time.

Margaret, KE8SKB, has invited us again this year to her place for Christmas! We held it there last year and had a wonderful time with plenty of room. Aaron asked her to find out what dates are currently available and bring those to the November meeting to vote on and make preparations.

John closed the meeting at 7:39pm and seconded by Anita, AD8GY.

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2026!

It's that time of year! At the November membership meeting, we will be voting on the slate of club officers for 2026. Nominations have been taken and the proposed slate of officers is as follows:

Elected Officers

President: John Cordone, W4XED

Vice President: Riley Winters, KE8JNF

Treasurer: Joe Marigold, KE8ZOS

Secretary: Aaron Smith, WT8X

Members-at-Large

Elected: Joey Munoz, KF8ANH

Past President: Tony Banner, KE8BIT

Software Updates

A couple software packages have released some updates recently.

Ham Radio Deluxe has finally released their long await version 6.9. This was a two plus year project to rewrite the logbook using more modern technologies to clear the way for cross-platform support and new features. While the release went fairly smooth, there are some issues that they are now working on.

VarAC, a chat program that uses the VARAHF protocol, has released a new version that adds an AI gateway to the software. If there are stations out there that have the AI gateway turned on, and you are off grid, you can connect to one of those stations and send a query to be looked up via AI to get the response sent to you. This is definitely an interesting concept especially if you are off grid and have a need to find information without access to the internet!

Scouting Report

On October 18th, we went out to the Perch Point Conservation Club to help out the Boy Scouts with their annual Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) event.

Since the event was also combined with some archery and shooting activities, there were a lot of scouts attending from all over Michigan.

There were 71 scouts, 68 adult leaders, and 17 staff members at the event. Many of those scouts got on the air both VHF on a local repeater and by chasing some contacts at other scouting events on HF.

I am pretty sure we may soon see some new operators joining our ranks here as some of them didn't want to go participate in any other activities unless it involved the radios!

We had two stations, John, W4XED, had his HF station set up and Riley, KE8JNF, had a VHF station setup. Aaron Menough had his HF rig setup, for a total of 3 stations. It was a busy day as all the scouts came through and tried all 3 stations. Anita, AD8GY, brought her handheld and the tape measure yagi she had built to show the scouts how it works and also get them on the air.

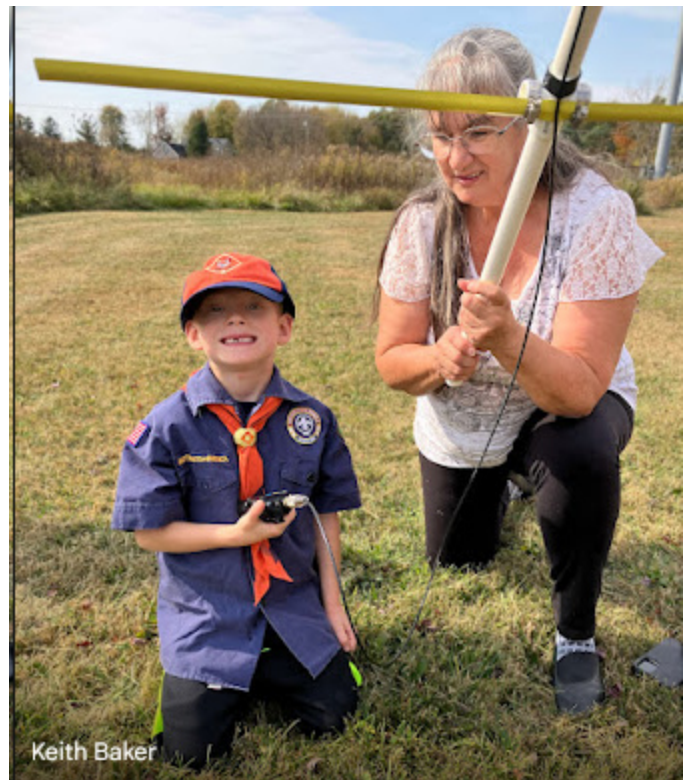
Joey, KF8ANH, brought his Starlink so that we could have DMR running through a hotspot, and also provided much needed water and snacks.

Toward the end of the day, Keith, KB1SF and Chuck, W8GWS, came out to help talk to scouts and get them more interested in the various radio activities.

I also was to put a special shout out to Bob, AC8LR, who stayed available on the Belle River repeater to talk to the scouts on VHF and tried really hard to keep them talking.

They also got to talk briefly to Joe, KE4ZYQ, who lives in Clinton Township. We definitely pulled out all the stops to make this event such a success this year.

Thank you everyone who helped and participated! If missed giving you a shout out – my apologies. We had a lot of help this year!



Pictures courtesy of Keith Baker, KB1SF/VA3KSF



St Clair County Amateur Radio Public Service Corps

The following organizations comprise the SCCARPSC

ARES® An organization thru which hams of all license classes can volunteer their time and skills to the community for use in public safety and emergency situations.

RACES Comprised of ARES members that are trained specifically for assignment in the support of the St Clair County Emergency Management Division in the event of a declared emergency. Membership requires ARES membership, certain certifications from FEMA and a background check.

SkyWarn is a plan sponsored by the National Weather Service which offers training in weather spotting. Locally a SkyWarn Net on 147.300 in the case of severe weather and has direct contact with NWS during weather emergencies.

Emergency frequencies that will be used (in order of priority) include:

146.720- (W000 186.2 Hz) **L***

147.320+ (K8SCC 167.9 Hz) **L***

147.300+(K8DD 192.8 HZ) **L***

L* = May be Linked

146.580 simplex Hospital Tactical

Packet Node: K8EPV-1 145.07

Winlink Node: K8SCC-10 145.07

For info contact:

Riley Winters, KE8JNF, 586.242.7193

Aaron Smith, WT8X, 810.488.0072

Join, train, practice, be ready!

<https://sccarpssc.org>



Siren Test Monitoring

County emergency sirens are tested on the first Monday of every month at 1:00 PM local time. During these tests, members of the SCCARPSC go out into the field to check the functionality of the sirens and ensure they are in good working order.

The siren test nets will be announced ahead of schedule, so please make sure you are on the mailing list to receive them!

SCCARPSC Meetings

The St. Clair County Amateur Radio Public Service Corp meetings are the 4th Tuesday of every month, at 7pm, at the St. Clair County Emergency Operations Center. 295 Airport Dr, Smiths Creek, MI. No July or August meetings.

LCARC Siren Testing

L'Anse Creuse Amateur Radio Club (LCARC) helps perform the Macomb County Siren testing. They have an easy program to follow and you don't need to be a ham, so you can get your friends and family to join! It takes less than an hour to do and happens on the 1st Saturday of the month at 1pm.

For more information, please see their web site at <http://www.n8lc.org>



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In-person EMARC Meeting November 4th, 2025

Meeting Directions: From Gratiot Rd. take S. Airport north (turns into N. Airport) and continue through "S" curves to parking lot. The Yellow Aviation building is on the South side of the large parking lot.

Join our google group at <https://groups.google.com/g/emarc> to receive the newsletter and important club information!

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